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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC KVP Trains in the Pasewalk Area

EVALUATION see below

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DATE OF CONTENT 21 March to 16 April 1953

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1. At 4:15 p.m. on 21 March 1953, a train consisting of five boxcars which were occupied to capacity by VPs wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived in Pasewalk, coming from the direction of Berlin. The departure from Pasewalk of the train was not observed. At 7:04 p.m. on the same day, five boxcars carrying about 25 officers and 100 VPs wearing red-bordered black epaulets were coupled to the regular train toward Stralsund.¹

2. At noon on 29 March, a train consisting of 14 boxcars which were occupied to capacity by VPs wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and some flatcars carrying eight trucks and sedan [REDACTED] arrived in Pasewalk, coming from the direction of Berlin. In the evening on the same day, five boxcars with VPs wearing black-bordered blue epaulets; and one flatcar carrying two field kitchens were seen at the marshalling yard.¹

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3. During noon hours on 9 April, about 22 canvas-covered guns of about 150-mm were unloaded from a freight train by VPs at the Pasewalk railroad station. [REDACTED] did not see the guns leave the station.¹

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4. From 5 to 16 April, AAA, artillery and tank units of the KVP were detrained at the Pasewalk railroad station. Specifically, 20 122-mm guns were observed between 10 and 12 p.m. on 14 April and, during the night of 15 April, about 30 76.2-mm AA guns. The units left the station toward Neuenkrug forest and Eggesin forest with the march roads being blocked to civilian traffic. The headlights of the vehicles were not burning. [REDACTED] prior to 19 April, three KVP divisions whose units came from Prora, Prenzlau and Anklam were to be assembled in the area of Viereck, Stallberg, Droegerheide, Jaegerhagen, the Neuhaus forester's house and Gumnitz.¹

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1. Comment. The trains arriving in Pasewalk probably carried elements of the units of Armeegruppe Nord which were in winter quarters at various posts of East Germany and were transferred to the area north of Pasewalk for summer training. It is doubted, however, that the entire Prora division should be transferred to the training area north of Pasewalk. Rather, it is believed that the infantry division in Prenzlau, the mechanized division in Rügen and the army troops of Armeegruppe Nord are assembled in the area north of Pasewalk, while only elements of the Prora division are temporarily transferred to the area north of Pasewalk for firing practices with live ammunition and other short-term exercises. This belief is corroborated by the fact that not only shipments from Prora to Pasewalk but also vice versa were observed.

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